

**AUBURN CITY COUNCIL MINUTES
REGULAR SESSION
October 9, 2006**

The Regular Session of the Auburn City Council was held in the Council Chamber, City Hall at 1225 Lincoln Way, Auburn, California with Mayor Mike Holmes presiding and City Clerk Joseph G.R. Labrie recording the minutes.

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Council Members Present: Kevin Hanley, Bridget Powers, Mike Holmes

Council Members Absent: Keith Nesbitt, Bob Snyder (Arrived at beginning of Public Comment)

Staff Members Present: City Manager Bob Richardson
City Attorney Michael Colantuono
Police Chief Valerie Harris
Fire Chief Mark D'Ambrogi
Public Works Director Jack Warren
Finance Director Andy Heath
Administrative Manager Joanna Belanger
Administrative Analyst/Transit Manager Megan Siren
Airport Manager Jerry Martin

**MAYOR'S COMMENDATIONS/PROCLAMATIONS/ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS/
ANNOUNCEMENTS**

AGENDA APPROVAL

Approved.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. **Minutes**

By **MOTION** approve City Council Minutes of August 28, 2006.

2. **Staffing Allocation Amendment for the Police Department**

By **RESOLUTION 06-122** establish the job classification of Records Clerk I/II with level I at salary range 32 and level II at salary range 38.

3. **Auburn Park Preserve Phase 2, Amendment No. 5**

By **RESOLUTION 06-123** authorize the Director of Public Works to execute Amendment No. 5 to compensate Royston, Hanamoto, Abbey and Alley for services provided for the Auburn Park Preserve Phase 2 in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.

4. **Auburn Firefighters' Association Memorandum of Understanding**

By **RESOLUTION 06-124** adopt the Memorandum of Understanding between the Auburn Firefighters' Association and the City of Auburn for the period July 1, 2006 through June 20, 2009, and authorize the City Manager to sign on behalf of the City.

5. **Auburn Community Festival Request for Funding**

Item removed at the request of resident Dan Sokol; follows Consent Calendar.

6. **Purchase of Mobile Data Computers (MDC's) for Police Department Patrol Vehicles**

By **RESOLUTION 06-126** authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute a purchase order with Motorola Corporation for the purchase of six Motorola MW800 Mobile Data Computers for use in Police Department vehicles in an amount not to exceed \$47,000.00.

***** End of Consent Calendar *****

By **MOTION** approve Consent Calendar as amended. **MOTION: Hanley/
Powers/ Approved 3:0/Absent: Nesbitt,Snyder**

5. **Auburn Community Festival Request for Funding**

City Manager Bob Richardson said that this \$1,000 was the same amount as allowed by the EDC.

Resident Dan Sokol said this is not the type of thing the city should be spending money on. It would be better to use it for public safety and health.

Mayor Holmes replied. He said the EDC has taken Mr. Sokol's advice earlier and reduced the money donated to events down from \$47,000 yearly to \$3,000.

By **RESOLUTION 06-125** approve a funding request in the amount of \$1,000 for the Community Festival as requested by the Auburn Chamber of Commerce.

7. **Public Comment**

Council Member Snyder arrived at this time, having been detained at a meeting of the Placer County Mosquito Abatement District. There was no public comment.

REPORTS

8. **Informational Reports from Staff**

Airport Manager Jerry Martin gave a status report of the airport objectives. He said the East Hangar Project is almost completed.

Council Member Snyder asked that future reports be written so that it can be understood by the average citizen. The report should be able to stand on its own.

Council Member Powers said future reports should include gas usage, airport traffic and a report on the air show.

Council Member Snyder said he would like to see a marketing plan for the airport rentals.

9. **City Council Committee Reports**

Council Member Snyder said there were seven human cases of West Nile Virus in Placer County, but none in Auburn. One unvaccinated horse in Lincoln contracted the virus. The Mosquito Abatement District has "sentinel" chickens that are kept to monitor the virus. So far there have been 17 that have tested positive for the virus. The nearest are 2 in Loomis.

Bridget Powers thanked members of the community and the Council for attending the street party put on by the Endurance Capital of the World Committee. She also announced that the Western Placer County Waste Management Authority will be holding a hazardous household waste collection event this weekend at the Gold Country Fair parking lot.

Bob Snyder added that the Chamber of Commerce is holding their annual planning session this weekend. The Leadership Auburn Retreat will also take place this weekend.

COUNCIL BUSINESS

10. Canyon Court Sewer Lift Station Upgrade

Council Member Hanley recused himself and left the Council Chambers because he lives within 500 feet of the project.

Public Works Director Jack Warren introduced the item and gave a brief history of the project. He said the project is completed.

Rich Munster, who lives directly across the street from the sewer lift station, presented a petition with 31 signatures from his neighborhood and an additional 25 from outside the neighborhood. He listed a series of complaints. Among them are:

- No public notice
- No public meetings
- No opportunity for resident input
- No notification of possible access problems
- Visual impact is unsightly
- The new generator is larger than the residents were led to believe
- The new control cabinet is larger than led to believe
- The bollards are taller and larger than led to believe
- The project needs landscaping
- New generator and pump too noisy
- No provisions for hazardous materials

Tom Faciana said he was concerned about the visuals. He presented several pictures of other lift stations and how they were landscaped.

Dirk Wooden complained about the view and the generator.

Cynthia McNulty said she would not have bought her house, had she known this was going to happen.

Brent McNulty said he had no idea this project was going in.

Doug Miller said the neighbors were never provided a detailed engineer's drawing.

Deborah Faciana said the project is hideous and brings down property values.

Mayor Holmes said the City Manager, Public Works, Council Members and the neighbors should get together to try to resolve this issue. He assured the residents that the Council wants to see something done to correct it.

Council Member Snyder agreed. He said he thinks it can be solved. He suggested the generator be switched to natural gas and that it have a lower profile. The complaints can be mitigated and solved, depending on the cost. The project can be made more attractive. The Council should take no action until it gets more information.

Council Member Powers said she would work with the neighbors to resolve this issue "as best we can".

The Council took no action and referred the matter to staff.

11. **Standard City Lease Forms**

City Attorney Michael Colantuono said his office was merely updating and standardizing the city and airport lease documents. "The leasing policy about how you go about arriving at a decision to lease is purely a policy matter".

Council Member Snyder said airport lessees should be notified first before they renew their leases. The public should have time to respond to the city.

Mayor Holmes agreed with Snyder and added that it should apply to all city-owned property as well. This matter, along with Item 12, should be held over until the public has been given proper notice.

Continued; date uncertain.

12. **Airport Leasing Policy & Procedures**

Continue; date uncertain.

ADJOURNMENT at 8:17 p.m.

Mike Holmes, Mayor

Joseph G.R. Labrie, City Clerk

